

CLAIMS:

1. A hard gelatine capsule containing a pharmaceutical composition comprising cyclosporin A in a mixture with a surfactant of HLB value at least 10, substantially free of any oil and when a hydrophilic phase is present, the hydrophilic phase being a polyethylene glycol and/or a lower alkanol provided that any lower alkanol present is present in less than 12% of the total weight of the composition absent the hard gelatine capsule.
2. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 1 wherein the lower alkanol present is present in less than 8% of the total weight of the composition absent the hard gelatine capsule.
3. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 1 or 2 wherein the surfactant is a polyoxyethylene-sorbitan-fatty acid ester.
4. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in any preceding claim further comprising a thickening agent which is capable of dissolving in the stomach juices or water.
5. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in any preceding claim wherein cyclosporin is present in an amount of from 10 to 25% by weight based on the total weight of the composition absent the hard gelatine capsule.
6. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in any preceding claim comprising further excipients apart from the surfactant and as thickening agent in an amount of from 0.1 to 5% by weight based on the total weight of the composition absent the hard gelatine capsule.
7. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in any preceding claim wherein the hydrophilic phase is present.

8. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 7 wherein the hydrophilic phase is polyethylene glycol and/or propylene glycol.

9. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 7 wherein the hydrophilic phase is polyethylene glycol and/or ethanol.

10. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 1 containing a hydrophilic phase which comprises polyethylene glycol and/or a lower alkanol as defined in claim 1 and when any polyethylene glycol is present this polyethylene glycol is liquid when heated to 37° and the surfactant is a polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid ester or a polyethyoxylated castor oil or a polyoxyethylene fatty acid ester.

11. A hard gelatine capsule as defined in claim 10 wherein the pharmaceutical composition is semi-solid or liquid with the cyclosporin dissolved therein.